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REMARKS

Claims 1 - 47 were cancelled prior to examination.

Claims 48 – 67 are pending and were not amended in this Response.

In the Office Action dated March 22, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 48 – 67 under 35 USC §103(a) as being obvious over US Patent 5,865,754 to Sevvick-Muraca et al. Applicant respectfully disagrees with this rejection since US Patent 5,865,754 is not prior art to the present application.

US Patent 5,865,754 has the priority date of August 23, 1996 (i.e., the filing date of US Appl. Ser. No. 702,060) or perhaps the priority date of August 24, 1995 (i.e., the filing date of US Provisional Appl. Ser. No. 60/002,746). The present application has the earliest priority date of **June 17, 1992** (i.e., the filing date of US Appl. Ser. No. 07/900,197). Furthermore, the present specification is identical to the parent PCT Application PCT/US93/05868 filed on June 17, 1993 (see at least the top margin of the present specification as filed). **Therefore, US Patent 5,865,754 is not prior art to the present application.**

In the Office Action dated March 22, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 48 – 67 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over several claims of prior US Patent 5,664,574. To expedite this application, without any admission of obviousness, Applicant has included a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate this rejection.

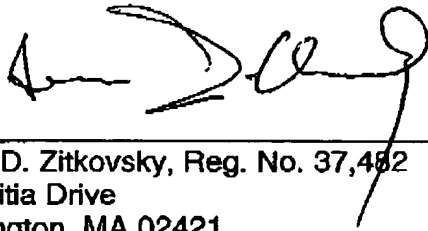
Accordingly all pending claims 48 – 67 are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

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The undersigned hereby authorizes to charge all PTO fees and apply all credits
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